

FORESTRY, LAND, & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: October 5, 2022

TIME: 3:30 p.m. Committee Room #2, 2nd Floor, Court House, Rhinelander, WI

PRESENT: Committee Members: Almekinder, Briggs, Schultz, Sorgel, Winkler
Forestry Staff: Fiene, Rady, Tischendorf
Corporation Counsel: Mike Fugle

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Almekinder called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The meeting has been properly posted in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

APPROVE CURRENT AGENDA WITH THE ORDER OF AGENDA ITEMS AT CHAIR'S DISCRETION

Motion by Winkler to approve the agenda with the order of agenda items at Chair's discretion. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Briggs to approve the minutes of September 7, 2022 meeting. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FOREST MANAGEMENT

YTD Stumpage Report – Fiene reported stumpage for September was \$220,316.64 for a year-to-date total of \$877,356.46. Currently billed approximately \$36,000 for October. There are a couple of new sales that started up.

November Timber Sale Bid Opening Date – Timber bids will be due October 31, 2022 with timber sales awarded at the November 2, 2022 Forestry Committee meeting.

Timber Sale Extensions/Expirations – Rady went over the three timber sales that will be expiring. Recommends a one-year extension with a 0% increase to Johnson Brothers for contract #1717 as it was sold before the Verso mill closed; a one-year extension with a 10% increase to Stella-Jones for contract #1749; and a one-year extension with a 10% increase to Kleinschmidt Logging for contract #1760.

Motion by Briggs to approve the contract extensions as recommended. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

AWARD BID – SALE OF HWY Q PARCEL EN-563, T35N R9E, SEC. 36 SE ¼ NE ¼, TOWN OF ENTERPRISE

Fiene stated the county received two bids from adjoining landowners of the property. Dirk Vevea bid \$35,301.00 and Legacy Acres, LLC bid \$32,000.00. Both bids met the minimum bid and all bid guidelines.

Recommendation by Fiene to award the sale to Dirk Vevea at a high bid of \$35,301.00 and forward the resolution to sell the property on to the County Board.

Motion by Schultz to approve the sale to Dirk Vevea for \$35,301.00 and forward the resolution on to County Board. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

AWARD BID – 2022/23 FORESTRY WORK TRUCK

Fiene stated the county received one bid from Brickner's Park City for \$44,937.00. Delivery is expected spring of 2023 and budgeted at \$40,000 with anticipated revenue of \$8,000 for the sale of the old truck.

Motion by Winkler to accept the bid from Brickner's Park City for \$44,937.00. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

FRIENDS OF TOWNLINE LAKE PARK (FTLLP) UPDATE

Discuss/Approve Forestry Director to Work With/Authorize FTLLP on Standard Requests – Fiene explained this is to approve the Forestry Director to approve standard requests from FTLLP regarding the maintenance/improvements of the park. Other requests would continue to be brought to the committee for approval.

Motion by Winkler to authorize the Forestry Director to handle and approve standard requests from FTLLP. Second by Briggs. All aye, motion carried.

FTLLP Update – Schmitz updated the committee regarding the fundraiser held at the park and raised \$1,400 for the pier project with a match donation from GBU Life.

Fiene requested FTLLP contact the Forestry Director regarding any special event requests prior to event approval.

DISCUSS/APPROVE TOWN OF PINE LAKE REQUEST TO AMEND ONEIDA COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN 2019-2023

Fiene was contacted by the Town of Pine Lake requesting an amendment to the Oneida County Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2019-2023 to expand the Town of Pine Lake Park projects. This change would allow them to apply for grant funding for park improvements.

Motion by Winkler to approve the amendment as requested by the Town of Pine Lake and forward a resolution to the County Board. Second by Schultz. All aye, motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It is anticipated that the committee may meet in closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. A roll call vote will be taken to go into closed session. (Topic – Zimmer Road in Enterprise, Gravel Crushing Contract and Approve Closed Session Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2021) AND it is anticipated that the Committee will return to open session by roll call vote to consider the remainder of the meeting agenda.

The committee will return to open session and may ratify any matter(s) discussed in closed session.

Motion by Winkler to go into closed session at 3:50 p.m. Second by Schultz. Roll call vote: All aye.

Motion to return to open session at 4:17 p.m. Roll call vote: All aye.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Almekinder stated that Fiene and Fugle were given direction on how to proceed and the closed session minutes from November 3, 2021 were approved.

VOUCHERS/LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Vouchers - Vouchers presented totaling \$251,800.27. Approximately \$192,000 was for snowmobile trail maintenance for this year and last season. Approximately \$50,000 in performance bond refunds to Roberts Logging and TNT Timber Improvement for completed timber sales and \$7,000 for timber mats and a water permit for an ATV grant project.

Motion by Schultz to approve the vouchers as presented. Second by Sorgel. All aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Winkler requested a list of vouchers be provided to the committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/MEETINGS

- Next meeting – November 2, 2022
- Award Timber Sale Bids
- 2023 RASTA Trail Maintenance Contract
- Almon Shelter Update
- FTLLP Update & Donation of a Pier
- Forestry Director's Evaluation and Goals

ADJOURNMENT

With business completed, Chair Almekinder adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

ROBERT ALMEKINDER
CHAIR

TANYA TISCHENDORF
COMMITTEE SECRETARY